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BETONIAN SER ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

The Statistics Administration of the Estonian SSR announces the following data on the fulfillment of the 1949 first-quarter plan for industry, agriculture, transport, volume of capital work and retail trade turnover.

The 1949 first-quarter gross-production plan was fulfilled by individual ministries and enterprises as follows:

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"Estensianeta" (Estenian Shale) Combine		125
Estonemergo (Estonian Power)	91	105
"Vol'ta" Plant	112	142
Tallin Machine-Building Plant	101	128
Shale Precessing Plant	113	159
Shale gas plant	55	-
Krengol'm Textile Mill	111	153
Locomotive and Railroad Car-Repair	•	,
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Ministry of the Timber and Paper Industry	106	91
including		
Logging	95	61
Ministry of the Fish Industry	93	104
Ministry of the Food Industry	111	121
including		
Main Administration of Meat and Dairy		
Industry	133	148
Ministry of Local Industry	107	135
Ministry of Chale and Chemical Industry	96	106
Ministry of Civilian Ecusing Construction	113	117

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Ministry of State Farms	131	291
Ministry of Agriculture	41	97
Ministry of Health	114	89
Ministry of Cinematography	96	103
Ministry of Trade	95	110
Central Union (Estonian Republic Union	•	
of Consumer Societies)	115	167
Main Administration of Automobile Transport	82	156
Ministry of Communal Economy	107	109
Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives	129	204
All trade-cooperative industry including:	113	149
Main Administration of Trade Cooperatives	112	147
Council of Invalids' Cooperatives	141	233

The 1949 first-quarter gross-production plan was fulfilled 107 percent for all industry of the Republic; including the March plan, 108 percent.

Production for the first quarter of 1949 was 30 percent greater than in the first quarter of 1948. During the first quarter of 1949, Estonian industry exceeded the plan for quantity of production of a number of products including shale, electric motors, cement, industrial and window glass, plywood, matches, cotton and woolen fabrics, butter, bread and bakery products, confectionary products and cigarettes.

Individual ministries fulfilled the plan for gross production and for quantity of production of the majority of important products, but failed to meet quotes for some important goods. The Ministry of Local Industry failed to fulfill the plan for leather shoes, hard and soft leather, and radio recoiving sets; Ministry of Civilian Housing and the Construction Materials Industry -- bricks and ter paper for roofing; Main Administration of Trade Curperatives -- tar roofing paper, brick, knitted underwear, knitted outer garments, stockings and socks, and hard and soft leather.

The 1949 first-quarter plan for quantity of production of important items was fulfilled as follows:

	1st Quarter 49 Plan in %	1st Quarter 49 in % of 1st Quarter 48
Electric power	92	107
Shale	113	113
Shale oil	87	119
Phosphorite fertilizer	111	112
Electric motors	112	149
Cement	111	132
Brick	91	180
Tar roofing paper	91 89	101
Sheet glass	119	103
Window glass	179	97
Cutting industrial wood	115	55
Hanling of industrial wood	125	75
Innber	104	121
Plywood	105	179
Paper	106	115
Cardboard	136	153
Matches	110	169
Firmiture	102	133

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Cotton fabric		
Woolen fabric	115	173 138
Linen fabric	102	118
Stockings and socks	99	
Knitted underwear		123
Knitted outer garments	97 80	136
Leather shoes		129
Hard leather	.93	115
Soft leather	76	81
Butter	83	107
Cheese	110	182
Fish catch	62	103
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Bread and bakery products	110	115
Sausage	106	111
Confectionary products	110	169
Cigarettes	111	118
Raw alcohol	118	803
Vodka	76	206
Beer	127	242
Soap	70	156
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More than 2,000 kolkhozes have been organized in the Republic to include nearly helf of the peasant economy. Preparations for successful spring sowing and all 1949 agricultural work are being carried on in the kolkhozes. Considerable assistance is being rendered by city workers, Party, and sowiet organizations of the Republic.

During the first quarter, 15 new MTSs were organized in the Republic. The capacity of the MTS tractor park increased 49 percent in the first quarter of 1949 as a result of the delivery of a large number of new tractors.

On 5 April, MTSs had fulfilled the plan for the repair of tractors 101 percent; including capital repair, 119 percent. Pyltsama, lykhvi, and Rapla MTSs are behind schedule in tractor repair.

The plan for tractor repair was fulfilled 106 percent by sowkhozes of the Ministry of State Farms. The plan for trailer repair was also completed.

Sowkhozes have provided for assorted sowing in all spring sowing. During 1949, 76 percent more mineral fertilizer for the spring sowing was delivered to the Republic than in 1948.

During the first quarter of 1949, the volume of capital work increased 11 percent over that of the first quarter of 1948 in all branches of Republic economy.

Capital investment increased considerably in the shale mining, textile, food, local, electrical, and timber and paper industries, and in the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Higher Education, the Administration of Arts, the Radio Committee and other organizations.

The plan for capital construction was fulfilled by the following: "Estonslanets" Combine, Ministry of the Food Industry, Ministry of Local Industry, Ministry of the Shale Chemical Industry, Ministry of Civilian Housing Construction, Ministry of Construction Materials Industry, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Trade, Rosas Administration, Administration of Arts, and other organizations.

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Republic enterprises as a whole, however, completed only 88 percent of the first-quarter capital-construction plan as a result of poor utilization of funds for capital construction by the Krengol'm Textile Mill, Estonenergo, Ministry of the Fish Industry, enterprises of the percoleum industry, and the Main Administration of Automobile Transport.

A total of 11,000 square meters of housing was constructed and restored during the first quarter of 1949 by ministries, administrations, enterprises, and by the population itself with the aid of State credit.

The Estonian Railroad System fulfilled the transport plan 101 percent in March 1949. In comparison with March 1948, transport increased 20 percent on wide-gauge railroads and 22 percent on narrow-gauge roads.

The 1949 first-quarter transport plan was completed 98 percent by the railroad, including shale 88 percent, petroleum 100 percent, ferrous metals 100 percent, timber 109 percent, and cement 123 percent.

The sale of industrial goods and food products to the population increased greatly after the reduction of prices by decree of the Soviet of Ministers USSR and the TeX VEP(b).

In March 1949, sales by trade organizations in the city of Tallin increased over February 1949 as follows: cotton textiles, 20 percent; woolen textiles, 39; sewn articles, 47; knitted goods, 21; leather shoes, 50; haberdashery, 21; meat products, 51; and butter, 95 percent. The sale of groats, macaroni, and vegetable oil increased considerably.

Sinety-five percent of the 1949 first-quarter trade-turnover plan was completed by individual trade organizations as follows:

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Ministry of Trade	94
Central Union (Estonian Republic Union of Consumer	
Societies)	107
Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives CBSs	97 85
Trade Cooperatives	105

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